Madras Public Service Commission

* 61 Q.—DR. A. SREENIVASAN : Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state whether there is any educationist in the Public Service Commission to-day?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN (on behalf of the Hon. the Chief Minister) : No.

SRI T. P. SRINIVASAVARADAN : Sir, even though there is no educationist in the Public Service Commission, whether any recruitment to the Education Department is made, is there any departmental officer to give guidance?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : That is the rule. Whenever it considers necessary that any University professor or any other professor with expert knowledge of the particular subject should be present, those professors or others are co-opted as members. They have no right to award marks, but they will be members sitting and interviewing candidates.

SRI T. P. SRINIVASAVARADAN : May I know whether the Director or Deputy Director of Public Instruction is present when teachers are recruited to Government service?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : That is left to the discretion of the Public Service Commission. We do not prescribe who should be invited. The Public Service Commission decides who is the proper or competent officer that should be invited to attend the selection.

SRI K. S. ABDUL WAHAB : What is the basis on which the members of the Public Service Commission are appointed?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : Under the Constitution, nearly half should be people who have had 10 years' experience in administration and the others can be non-officials . It is on this basis, the selections are made.

Government Servants

* 62 Q.—SRI M. RAJAH IYER : Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state whether there is any proposal to raise the age of retirement of Government servants from 55 to 58?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN (on behalf of the Hon. the Chief Minister) : The Government have decided not to raise the present age of retirement of employees under the rule-making control of this Government.

SRI M. RAJAH IYER : Sir, is it the policy decision of the Government or has it been arrived at on representations made to Government? If so, was sufficient time given to Government servants to make their representations? The All-India policy seems to be to raise the age of retirement.